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In re Application of
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Tony Lee Scroggs, Patricia L. Cross
and Arthur B. Moore

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Serial Number: 09/158,728	:	DECISION
Filed: September 22, 1998	:	ON
For: DRY LAMINATED BUSINESS CARD	:	PETITION
SHEET CONSTRUCTION	:	

This is a decision on the PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.103, filed July 9, 2001. The request states that a four (4) month suspension of prosecution is necessary for the applicant to receive and analyze the Examiner's next action, and particularly any new-cited art or new interpretation of art currently of record, in related and concurrently-filed method application Serial No. 09/158,308.

DECISION

The instant petition is before the Director of Technology Center 1700 for decision, pursuant to MPEP 709 and 1003. The review of the file record indicates that the request for suspension cannot be granted. Specifically, 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a) states:

“(a) Suspension of action by the Office will be granted for **good and sufficient cause** and for a reasonable time specified upon petition by the applicant...”
(Emphasis added)

The reason given by the petitioner, i.e., “to receive and analyze the Examiner's next action, and particularly any new-cited art or new interpretation of art currently of record...”, is insufficient to justify a suspension of the examiner's consideration of the instant application. The reasons set forth by applicant are conclusory in nature and fail to establish that the merits of this application are dependent upon the merits of co-pending application Serial Number 09/158,308. The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for examination consistent with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(a)

(MPEP 708). An office action shall follow in due course.

The Petition is DENIED.



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